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*The French Revolution in San Domingo.* By T. LOTHROP STODDARD.  
Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1914. 8vo, pp. xviii+410. \$2.00.

This is a story of the genesis of the Republic of Haiti. At the time when the French Revolution was sweeping over Europe, states the writer, a tragedy surpassed in horror only by the Reign of Terror was being enacted on the island of San Domingo. At the time of the fall of the Bastille this French colony was prospering under favorable economic conditions under the Bourbon régime. It was inhabited by a mixed race of whites, mulattoes, and blacks; and the whites, though largely outnumbered, controlled the government and were owners of the negro slaves. The mulattoes formed a middle class. From the sixteen years of bloody revolution which followed, the island emerged "the black state of Haiti," the whites in the meantime having been massacred or driven off the island, leaving the blacks in complete control and the mulatto caste in subjection. With the change came the destruction of economic prosperity.

The author traces the causes of the uprising on the island; how it received active support from the radicals of the Revolution in France, who championed the abolition of colonial slavery; the rise and fall of the leader of the blacks, Toussaint L'Ouverture; and the final triumph of the blacks.

The clash between the primary races on this Western island is of peculiar interest in the light of the race problem which in the not far distant future must be solved in America and in other parts of the world. It also throws light on the present difficulty existing between our government and Haiti, and serves as the foundation of a better understanding of our future relation to this revolutionary government.

The author's method is scientific throughout; the narrative parts are well done, and the whole shows a thorough use of source materials. The introductory chapters explanatory of the economic conditions in San Domingo prior to the Revolution are worthy of mention, as is the note system which follows the main work.

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*Investment and Speculation.* By LOUIS GUENTHER. Chicago: La Salle  
Extension University, 1916. 8vo, pp. 289. \$2.00.

This book is a description of investment securities in their various forms and of the mechanism of speculation upon the stock exchange. It can lay no claim to being a discussion of the principles of investment and speculation. It is valuable chiefly for the practical information it contains, set down by a man in close touch with the matters concerning which he is writing.

The first half of the book is devoted to a classification and description of the common forms of mortgages and bonds. The nature of these investment securities is explained in detail. While it is true that throughout this explanation comments are made upon the desirability and safety of each of the securities described, these comments do not constitute a scientific treatment of prin-